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Tuesday, 1 March 2022

Notice of meeting

Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE)

Wednesday, 9th March, 2022 at 10.30 am (Meeting 2),
County Hall, Usk - Remote Attendance

AGENDA

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Paul Matthews

Chief Executive

MONMOUTHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
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THE CONSTITUTION OF THE COMMITTEE IS AS FOLLOWS:

County Councillor Paul Pavia	Larkfield;	Welsh Conservative Party
County Councillor Tudor Thomas	Priory;	Welsh Labour/Llafur Cymru
County Councillor Louise Brown	Shirenewton;	Welsh Conservative Party
County Councillor Maureen Powell	Castle;	Welsh Conservative Party
Vacancy (Conservative Group)		
Vacancy (Liberal Democrats)		

Representing the Church in Wales (1)

Vacancy

Representing the Roman Catholic Church (1)

Mr. A. Szwagrzak

Representing Free Churches (4)

Baptist Church: Revd. J. Greaves
The Salvation Army: Mr. N. Pryor
Methodist Church: Mrs B. Quinlan
Presbyterian Church: Mrs. S. Gooding

Representing the Bahá'í Faith (1)

Mrs S. Cave

Representing the Buddhist Faith (1)

Vacancy

Representing the Hindu Faith (1)

Vacancy

Representing the Jewish Faith (1)

Vacancy

Representing the Sikh Faith (1)

Vacancy

Representing the Muslim Faith (1)

Vacancy

Representing the Teachers Associations (7)

4 x Vacancies
Mr. N. Jenkins
Mrs. K. Wilding
Mrs S. Hamar

Co-opted Members (2)

Vacancy
Vacancy

R.E Advisor

Hayley Jones

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Aims and Values of Monmouthshire County Council

Our purpose

Building Sustainable and Resilient Communities

Objectives we are working towards

- Giving people the best possible start in life
- A thriving and connected county
- Maximise the Potential of the natural and built environment
- Lifelong well-being
- A future focused council

Our Values

Openness. We are open and honest. People have the chance to get involved in decisions that affect them, tell us what matters and do things for themselves/their communities. If we cannot do something to help, we'll say so; if it will take a while to get the answer we'll explain why; if we can't answer immediately we'll try to connect you to the people who can help – building trust and engagement is a key foundation.

Fairness. We provide fair chances, to help people and communities thrive. If something does not seem fair, we will listen and help explain why. We will always try to treat everyone fairly and consistently. We cannot always make everyone happy, but will commit to listening and explaining why we did what we did.

Flexibility. We will continue to change and be flexible to enable delivery of the most effective and efficient services. This means a genuine commitment to working with everyone to embrace new ways of working.

Teamwork. We will work with you and our partners to support and inspire everyone to get involved so we can achieve great things together. We don't see ourselves as the 'fixers' or problem-solvers, but we will make the best of the ideas, assets and resources available to make sure we do the things that most positively impact our people and places.

Kindness: We will show kindness to all those we work with putting the importance of relationships and the connections we have with one another at the heart of all interactions.

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**REPORT TO: STANDING CONFERENCE (AGREED SYLLABUS) OF MONMOUTHSHIRE
STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION**

DATE: 9TH MARCH 2022

**SUBJECT: TO CONSIDER THE PREPARATION OF A NEW AGREED SYLLABUS
FOR RELIGION, VALUES AND ETHICS**

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To inform Standing Conference Members of the progress made to date regarding the preparation of a new Agreed Syllabus for Religion, Values and Ethics, in view of the recent Curriculum for Wales framework guidance from Welsh Government.
- 1.2 For Standing Conference Members to consider the guidance and agree the way forward regarding the preparation of a new Agreed Syllabus for approval at a future meeting of the Standing Conference and by council.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Agreed Syllabus sets out the requirements that schools should follow in order to meet statutory requirements.
- 2.2 SACRE has been updated regularly of developments with the National Curriculum review and the development of the Humanities curriculum. Schools have been advised that they should follow the current agreed syllabus until September 2022.
- 2.3 In view of guidance recently released by Welsh Government on the new Curriculum for Wales framework, local authorities across Wales and their SACREs are now in a position to begin preparations on the adoption of a new Agreed Syllabus.
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- 2.5 The guidance from Welsh Government makes provision for local authorities to adopt or adapt this guidance as their Agreed Syllabus.
- 2.6 It is therefore suggested that Standing Conference consider adopting this guidance as their Agreed Syllabus, subject to the inclusion of a foreword which will be relevant to Monmouthshire County Council as the local authority in delivering RVE. It is suggested that a SACRE working group be set up following the meeting in order for Members and Officers to contribute to the foreword and finalise the content, ahead of presentation of the finalised Agreed Syllabus to a further meeting of Standing Conference for approval.
- 2.7 A verbal presentation giving further information on the proposed way forward will be given by the RE Advisor to SACRE at the Standing Conference meeting.

2.8 The below links which are provided for Members' information contain the Welsh Government guidance on Religion Value and Ethics, together with the Legislative Summary guidance applicable to the Curriculum for Wales Framework.

[Link to Welsh Government guidance on Religion Value and Ethics](#)

[Link to Legislative Summary guidance applicable to the Curriculum for Wales Framework](#)

3 RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 For Standing Conference Members to note the progress made to date regarding the preparation of a new Agreed Syllabus for Religion, Values and Ethics, in view of the recent Curriculum for Wales framework guidance from Welsh Government.

3.2 For Standing Conference Members to consider this guidance and agree the way forward regarding the preparation of a new Agreed Syllabus for approval at a future meeting of the Standing Conference.

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